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Judiciary from the Executive. It may be sufficient to employ part-time workers as copyists in the Revenue Department in some districts. It has, therefore, been decided to defer the proposal to grant pensionary benefits to copyists of the Revenue Department till the Separation Scheme has been completely introduced in the whole State."

Tours of Hon. Ministers.

* 87 *Q.*—Sri R. SURYANARAYANA RAO (on behalf of Sri B. Bhima Rao): Will the Hon. the Minister for Agriculture be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether the tours of Hon. Ministers of this State from July 1951 are for the main purpose of Election Propaganda for the forthcoming elections; and

(*b*) if so, whether advice has been sought by the Government from appropriate authority as to the validity of incurring such expenditure from the Public Exchequer and if so, whether he will lay the same on the table of the House?

The Hon. Sri A. B. SHETTY :—"(*a*) No.

" (*b*) Does not arise."

Facilities to students who have passed the Chemical Engineering course for undergoing apprenticeship.

* 88 *Q.*—Sri R. SURYANARAYANA RAO: With reference to answer to question No. 10, dated 22nd August 1951, will the Hon. the Minister for Industries be pleased to state whether it is a fact that students who have passed the examinations in Chemical Engineering from various polytechnics are finding it difficult to undergo apprentice course and what steps, if any, have been taken to ensure that these passed students obtain necessary facilities for undergoing apprenticeship?

The Hon. Sri C. PERUMALSAMI REDDI :—" In the Diploma Examination held in May 1951, twelve candidates came out successful in Chemical Engineering, i.e., seven from Kerala Polytechnic, Kozhikode and five from the Rayalaseema Polytechnic, Bellary. Necessary facilities for undergoing practical training have been made available for these students at the following concerns :—

1 Kerala Soap Institute, Kozhikode.
2 Andhra Paper Mills, Rajahmundry.
3 Government Hydrogenation Factory, Kozhikode.
4 Nance Rubber Works, Coimbatore.
5 Associated Cement Co., Coimbatore.
6 Fertilizers and Chemicals, Ltd., Alwaye.
7 Mysore Iron & Steel, Ltd., Bhadravati.
8 Travancore Rayons, Ltd.

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It is understood that six out of the seven candidates who passed out from the Kerala Polytechnic, Kozhikode, and three out of the five passed out from the Rayalaseema Polytechnic, Bellary, have already secured apprenticeship and are undergoing training, while the rest are yet to start their apprenticeship. It has been reported that some of the students who passed out of the Rayalaseema Polytechnic, Bellary, are unwilling to go outside Rayalaseema and want to undergo apprenticeship in firms of their choice and this naturally causes delay in starting their apprenticeship."

Forward contracts in groundnut seeds in Adoni.

* 89 *Q.*—SRI R. SURYANARAYANA RAO (on behalf of Sri B. Bhima Rao) : Will the Hon. the Minister for Food be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether the Government have ordered prosecutions against those who entered into forward contracts in groundnut seeds and carried on business in the said commodity at Adoni during recent years;

(*b*) whether it is a fact that such business is being carried on for more than a decade at Adoni and even after the introduction of controls;

(*c*) whether it is a fact that suits have been filed in the civil courts on the basis of such contracts;

(*d*) the reasons which impelled the Government to launch prosecutions notwithstanding the prevalence of such business for more than 12 years; and

(*e*) whether any discrimination has been made in launching charge-sheets and whether some personages have not been proceeded against and if so, the reasons therefor?

THE HON. SRI J. L. P. ROCHE VICTORIA :—"(*a*) Yes.

"(*b*) *to* (*e*) Since any statement by the Government on the facts relating to business done in forward contracts in Adoni or the reasons for the prosecutions may have a bearing on the merits of the cases now pending in Courts, Government must, with regret, decline to answer any of these questions or be drawn into any kind of argument regarding facts or reasons."

[*Note.*—**An asterisk (*) at the commencement of a speech indicates revision by the Member.**]

II.—GOVERNMENT BUSINESS.

GENERAL DISCUSSION OF THE BUDGET FOR THE YEAR 1952–53.

*SRI R. SURYANARAYANA RAO :—" I wish, Sir, my hon. Friend Sri Bhima Rao were here to-day, so that he could be the first, as he generally is, to speak though on the side of the Treasury Bench. After the very severe warning administered by the Hon. Minister now in charge of Finance that any criticism that we may offer is not likely to have any effect on the present Government,